

Ms. Linda Jennings, Business Manager
Sandpiper Convalescent Center
1049 Anna Knapp Boulevard
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

Re: AC# 3-SDP-J7 – Bencare, Inc., d/b/a Sandpiper Convalescent Center, Inc.

Dear Ms. Jennings:

The accompanying report has been prepared by our office based on your Medicaid Financial and Statistical Report submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services for the cost report period October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997. That report was used to set the rate covering the contract periods beginning October 1, 1998.

We are recommending that the Department of Health and Human Services certify an accounts receivable to recover amounts due as a result of the rate change shown on Exhibit A. You will be notified of repayment terms by that Agency.

If you take exception to this report in any manner, you have the right to appeal in accordance with the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 as amended, Title 44, and Department of Health and Human Services Regulation R.126-150, and you must respond in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this letter. This written response must address the specific items in the report being appealed, and must be directed to the Appeals and Hearings, Department of Health and Human Services, Post Office Box 8206, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206. Any correspondence should include the control number appearing on Exhibit A of this report.

Thomas L. Wagner, Jr., CPA
State Auditor

TLWjr/kss

cc: Ms. Brenda L. Hyleman
Mr. Jeff Saxon
Mr. Robert M. Kerr

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Re: Draft Report AC# 3-SDP-J7 – Bencare, Inc. d/b/a Sandpiper Convalescent Center, Inc.

Dear Ms. Jennings:

The accompanying draft report has been prepared by our office. Please review the adjustments as presented.

If you have any questions concerning this report and would like a formal exit conference with the auditors, please write to me regarding the establishment of a meeting date. Your correspondence should include the above referenced control number. Your request for a conference must be made within ten (10) calendar days of your receipt of this report, and the conference must be held within twenty (20) calendar days of your receipt of this report. Any additional documentation in support of allowable cost must be received by our office no later than twenty (20) calendar days after your receipt of this report.

If we do not hear from you within ten (10) calendar days of your receipt of this report, we will assume you do not want an exit conference. In this case, I will reissue this report to you in final form and you will have thirty (30) calendar days in which to file a formal appeal if you so desire.

Yours very truly,

R. James McClam, CPA
Director of Federal Audits

RJM/kss

cc: Ms. Brenda L. Hyleman
Mr. Jeff Saxon
Mr. Robert M. Kerr

Ms. Brenda L. Hyleman, Director
Division of Home Health and Nursing Home Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

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Dear Ms. Hyleman:

Please review the adjustments contained in the accompanying draft report. If you have any comments or disagreements with the adjustments and resulting computations, please contact me within ten (10) calendar days.

Use of the above referenced control number is requested on any subsequent correspondence pertaining to this report.

If we do not have any comments, it will be assumed you are in agreement with the report and only those concerns of the Provider, if any, will be considered prior to the issuance of the final report.

Yours very truly,

R. James McClam, CPA
Director of Federal Audits

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**BENCARE, INC. D/B/A
SANDPIPER CONVALESCENT CENTER, INC.**

MT. PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA

**CONTRACT PERIODS
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1998
AC# 3-SDP-J7**

**REPORT ON CONTRACT
FOR
PURCHASE OF NURSING CARE SERVICES
WITH
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

December 16, 1999

Department of Health and Human Services
State of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, solely to compute the rate change and related adjusted reimbursement rate to be used by the Department in determining the reimbursement settlement with Bencare, Inc. d/b/a Sandpiper Convalescent Center, Inc., for the contract periods beginning October 1, 1998, and for the twelve month cost report period ended September 30, 1997, as set forth in the accompanying schedules. This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Department of Health and Human Services. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

1. We tested selected costs or areas based on our analytical procedures applied to the reimbursable Medicaid program costs as shown on the Financial and Statistical Report for Nursing Homes, as filed by Bencare, Inc. d/b/a Sandpiper Convalescent Center, Inc., to determine if these costs were allowable as defined by the State Plan for Medicaid reimbursement purposes and supported by accounting and statistical records maintained by the provider. Our findings as a result of these procedures are presented in the Adjustment Report, Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days and Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis sections of this report.
2. We recomputed the Computation of Reimbursement Rate using the adjusted costs and calculated the rate change in accordance with the provisions of the contract between the Department of Health and Human Services and Bencare, Inc. d/b/a Sandpiper Convalescent Center, Inc. dated as of October 1, 1994 as amended. Our findings as a result of these procedures are presented in the Computation of Rate Change and Computations of Adjusted Reimbursement Rate sections of this report.

Department of Health and Human Services
State of South Carolina
December 16, 1999

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Thomas L. Wagner, Jr., CPA
State Auditor

BENCARE, INC. D/B/A SANDPIPER CONVALESCENT CENTER, INC.

Computation of Rate Change
For the Contract Periods
Beginning October 1, 1998
AC# 3-SDP-J7

	<u>10/01/98- 11/30/98</u>	<u>12/01/98- 09/30/99</u>
Interim reimbursement rate (1)	\$85.44	\$86.19
Adjusted reimbursement rate	<u>85.16</u>	<u>85.91</u>
Decrease in reimbursement rate	\$ <u>.28</u>	\$ <u>.28</u>

(1) Interim reimbursement rate from the South Carolina Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Provider Rate Listing dated December 3, 1999

BENCARE, INC. D/B/A SANDPIPER CONVALESCENT CENTER, INC.
Computation of Adjusted Reimbursement Rate
For the Contract Period October 1, 1998 Through November 30, 1998
AC# 3-SDP-J7

	<u>Incentives</u>	<u>Allowable Cost</u>	<u>Cost Standard</u>	<u>Computed Rate</u>
<u>Costs Subject to Standards:</u>				
General Services		\$40.20	\$41.87	
Dietary		9.61	9.44	
Laundry/Housekeeping/Maint.		<u>9.30</u>	<u>7.70</u>	
Subtotal	\$ <u>-</u>	59.11	59.01	\$59.01
Administration & Med. Rec.	\$ <u>4.03</u>	<u>6.35</u>	<u>10.38</u>	<u>6.35</u>
Subtotal		65.46	<u>\$69.39</u>	65.36
<u>Costs Not Subject to Standards:</u>				
Utilities		2.48		2.48
Special Services		.53		.53
Medical Supplies & Oxygen		3.06		3.06
Taxes and Insurance		2.15		2.15
Legal Fees		<u>.06</u>		<u>.06</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$73.74</u>		73.64
Inflation Factor (3.60%)				2.65
Cost of Capital				6.87
Cost of Capital Limitation				-
Profit Incentive (Max. 3.5% of Allowable Cost)				2.58
Cost Incentive				-
Effect of \$1.75 Cap on Cost/Profit Incentives				(.83)
Minimum Wage Add-On				<u>.25</u>
ADJUSTED REIMBURSEMENT RATE				<u>\$85.16</u>

BENCARE, INC. D/B/A SANDPIPER CONVALESCENT CENTER, INC.

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AC# 3-SDP-J7

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BENCARE, INC. D/B/A SANDPIPER CONVALESCENT CENTER, INC.
Summary of Costs and Total Patient Days
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1997
AC# 3-SDP-J7

<u>Expenses</u>	Totals (From Schedule SC 13) as <u>Adjusted by DH&HS</u>	<u>Debit</u>	Adjustments <u>Credit</u>	<u>Adjusted Totals</u>
General Services	\$1,878,931	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,878,931
Dietary	449,128	-	-	449,128
Laundry	125,991	-	-	125,991
Housekeeping	180,965	-	-	180,965
Maintenance	127,479	-	-	127,479
Administration & Medical Records	296,887	-	-	296,887
Utilities	115,729	-	-	115,729
Special Services	24,970	-	-	24,970
Medical Supplies & Oxygen	146,894	-	4,094 (4)	142,800
Taxes & Insurance	100,688	-	-	100,688
Legal Fees	2,639	-	-	2,639
Cost of Capital	330,409	1,676 (1)	4,663 (2)	320,972
	<u>444</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>6,894</u>	<u>(5)</u>
Subtotal	3,780,710	2,120	15,651	3,767,179
Ancillary	63,666	-	-	63,666

BENCARE, INC. D/B/A SANDPIPER CONVALESCENT CENTER, INC..

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		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	
Non-Allowable	2,817,732	4,663 (2)	444 (3)	2,832,939
		4,094 (4)		
	<u> </u>	<u>6,894 (5)</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$6,662,108</u>	<u>\$17,771</u>	<u>\$16,095</u>	<u>\$6,663,784</u>
 TOTAL PATIENT DAYS	 <u>46,734</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>46,734</u>
 TOTAL BEDS	 <u>132</u>			

BENCARE, INC. D/B/A SANDPIPER CONVALESCENT INC.
Adjustment Report
Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1997
AC# 3-SDP-J7

<u>ADJUSTMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
1	Fixed Assets	\$ 95,355	
	Cost of Capital	1,676	
	Other Equity	3,611	
	Accumulated Depreciation		\$100,642
	To adjust fixed assets and related depreciation expense to allowable State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
2	Nonallowable	4,663	
	Cost of Capital		4,663
	To adjust loss on sale of assets to allowable HIM-15-1, Section 2102.3		
3	Cost of Capital	444	
	Nonallowable		444
	To adjust depreciation expense to comply with capital cost policy State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
4	Nonallowable	4,094	
	Medical Supplies		4,094
	To remove special (ancillary) services reimbursed by Medicare State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
5	Nonallowable	6,894	
	Cost of Capital		6,894
	To adjust capital return to allowable State Plan, Attachment 4.19D		
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	TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	<u>\$116,737</u>	<u>\$116,737</u>

Due to the nature of compliance reporting, adjustment descriptions and references contained in the preceding Adjustment Report are provided for general guidance only and are not intended to be all-inclusive.

BENCARE, INC. D/B/A SANDPIPER CONVALESCENT CENTER, INC.
Cost of Capital Reimbursement Analysis
For the Cost Report Period Ended September 30, 1997
AC# 3-SDP-J7

	<u>Old Beds</u>	<u>New Beds</u>	
Original Asset Cost (Per Bed)	\$ 15,618	\$ 15,618	
Inflation Adjustment	<u>2.1814</u>	<u>2.1814</u>	
Deemed Asset Value (Per Bed)	34,069	34,069	
Number of Beds	<u>88</u>	<u>44</u>	
Deemed Asset Value	2,998,072	1,499,036	
Improvements Since 1981	292,318	20,473	
Accumulated Depreciation at 9/30/97	<u>(1,016,924)</u>	<u>(384,061)</u>	
Deemed Depreciated Value	2,273,466	1,135,448	
Market Rate of Return	<u>0.067</u>	<u>0.067</u>	
Total Annual Return	152,322	76,075	
Return Applicable to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	(10,495)	(4,775)	
Allocation of Interest to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	<u>7,959</u>	<u>4,817</u>	
Allowable Annual Return	149,786	76,117	
Depreciation Expense	64,116	53,428	
Amortization Expense	2,067	-	
Capital Related Income Offsets	(2,447)	(1,226)	
Allocation of Capital Expenses to Non-Reimbursable Cost Centers	<u>(13,913)</u>	<u>(6,956)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Allowable Cost of Capital Expense	199,609	121,363	\$320,972
Total Patient Days (Minimum 97% Occupancy)	<u>31,156</u>	<u>15,578</u>	<u>46,734</u>
Cost of Capital Per Diem	\$ <u>6.41</u>	\$ <u>7.79</u>	\$ <u>6.87</u>

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	<u>Old Beds</u>	<u>New Beds</u>
6/30/89 Cost of Capital and Return on Equity Capital Per Diem Reimbursement	\$5.68	\$ N/A
Adjustment for Maximum Increase	<u>3.99</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Maximum Cost of Capital Per Diem	<u>\$9.67</u>	<u>\$7.79</u>
Reimbursable Cost of Capital Per Diem		\$6.87
Cost of Capital Per Diem		<u>6.87</u>
Cost of Capital Per Diem Limitation		\$ <u>-</u>